

## "BOAT IN FIRE," SEND HELP," WAS ONLY A JOKE

Some Excited Person  
Notified Police of a  
River "Disaster."

## "JENKS ALL ABLAZE,"

Patrol and Fireboat Race to  
Rescue But Find Services  
Not Needed.

There was excitement at Police Headquarters to-day when a telephone message was received that the steamer Sarah A. Jenks was ablaze off Washington Heights, in the Hudson River, and that passengers and crew were in peril of their lives. The voice on the phone said the boat seemed to be burning from stem to stern.

The lieutenant in command jumped to a telephone and sent in an alarm, ordering the fireboats on the North River with all possible speed. The Police boat Patrol was the first to get off and was a flying trip to the rescue of the Jenks. With the fireboat George B. McClellan coming in her wake at full speed.

Meantime the police of the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street station were ordered by wire to turn out every available man on the double quick and hurry to the rescue. The reserves got out and ran down to the river, prepared to impress every small boat there into the service, but they sent back a message to report that they could see no signs of a burning boat anywhere along the stretch of river in their range of view.

All this time the Jenks was making her way down the river at good speed, with the tide in her favor and Capt. Benjamin Jenks on the bridge. Innocent of the stir he was unwittingly causing. As she bore on her course down the river toward her pier at the foot of Franklin street Capt. Jenks saw the police boat Patrol coming head-on for full tilt, and was wondering what it was all about, when the lieutenant in command roared through a megaphone: "Are you on fire?"

Gave Captain a Jolt!  
For a moment Capt. Jenks's soul was filled with alarm for his boat, but then passengers and crew of twelve. He swept the deck with his piercing eye, and seeing no evidence of any fire put his hands to his mouth and roared back: "None outside of my furnaces. What else is there?"

"Headquarters reported that the Jenks was coming down the river ablaze from stem to stern," came the response from the Patrol.  
"Well, I lay that about the queerest thing's happened to me in all my forty-four years on the river!" shouted the grizzled skipper of the Jenks.

Just then she came abreast of McClellan. She bore down close to the Jenks and the man in command trained his big megaphone on the dazed skipper on the bridge.  
"Have you got the fire under control?" whooped the man through the big funnel. By that time all of the passengers, among them two women and a small boy, were gathered on the rail, chattering and shouting cheerful greetings to the police and firemen.

"Yes, got it under control before we left Ossining," bellowed Capt. Jenks, who was just beginning to find some enjoyment in the joke. "By hard work we managed to keep it under our boilers," he added. The men on the McClellan and Police Patrol also saw the joke then. They put about and returned to their berths at pier 1.

Did Have Fire Drill.  
When the Jenks reached her pier at 8:30 o'clock Capt. Jenks had to do a lot more explaining about the reported fire. For he was hailed by a small brigade of reporters.

## "SILENT" SMITH'S SISTER IS HERE WITH HIS WILL

Lady Cooper, Who May  
Be Richest Woman, Ex-  
pects No Contest.

## MILLIONS EXAGGERATED

Sir George Declares Finan-  
cier's Estate Will Not Ex-  
ceed \$30,000,000.

Sir George Alexander Cooper, his wife, Lady Cooper, who is the sister of the late James Henry Smith, and their daughter are registered at the Hotel Gotham to-day, having arrived here from Europe last evening, bringing with them the will of the "Silent" millionaire, who died in Japan while on his wedding tour.

Sir George, who is believed to be cognizant with the terms of the will, refuses to discuss the document, but his inference is that there will be no contest, for the reason that Mr. Smith provided liberally for all his relatives, and that his bride-widow will have no reason to offer a contest.

At the time of the death of "Silent" Smith his estate was estimated at between \$75,000,000 and \$80,000,000. The fortune has been dwindling, according to reports, ever since. A few days ago it was said that Smith had not left more than \$10,000,000, but to-day there are those who say it will foot up \$25,000,000. This last figure is based on the reported fortune of George Smith, the uncle, who left his entire estate, said to have been \$20,000,000, to be divided equally between James Henry Smith and Lady Cooper, formerly Mary Smith. "Silent" Smith is supposed to have added \$5,000,000 to his inheritance.

"Will Lady Cooper share in the estate of her brother?" Sir George was asked. "Well, she is his sister," the Baronet replied, diplomatically.  
No Contest Expected.  
Sir George spoke for his wife. It was explained that Lady Cooper was tired after her voyage and could not be questioned. Sir George was asked if he had heard that there was to be a contest of the will. He replied:

"I have not, nor do I believe that any such contest is likely. Mr. Smith provided for all of his relatives during his life, and I do not believe any of them will be so dissatisfied, now that he is dead, that they will seek to break his will."  
"When will the will be read?"  
"Not until after the funeral. I understand that the body cannot reach here until Sunday at the earliest."  
Sir George was much amused when questioned regarding the possibility of a posthumous child, and laughed heartily. It was explained to him that there was a report that a child was to be born, and that in such case the will would be nullified. Sir George said:

"Of course I cannot discuss any such subject as that."  
Says Fortune is Exaggerated.  
The Baronet expressed the opinion that the millions said to have been left by his brother-in-law had been greatly exaggerated.  
Sir George and Lady Cooper and their daughter, George Mason, of South Dakota, George Liddy, another relative, H. S. Roy, the confidential business man of the late James Henry Smith, and others.

From the pier in Hoboken the Cooper family party was driven in the Smith omnibus, accompanied by the Smiths' mansion's stables, to the Hotel Gotham. The body, it is understood, will be buried in the Smith family vault in the Hotel Gotham. Lady Cooper and Sir George will, it is said, remain in the city for a few days, where their existence was such a surprise to all who knew "Silent" Smith. A sort of family reunion the Coopers will return to England.

Beach posters, beware of Rockaway Beach this summer! A committee of four taxpayers to-day walked in on the beach, and found the water, sand, and rocks all covered with a thick layer of seaweed. The committee, headed by Mr. O'Keefe, of Brooklyn, and demanded that he prevent parades in bathing suits this year.

John H. Hanley, Luke Elder, John Shappert and William Kelly, the committee, were accompanied by Attorney George M. Tibbott. They announced that the bathing costumes last year were entirely too short, and that many of the sensitive summer boarders had been "awfully shocked" by the sight of women parading the streets in light of blue and white waists and very short bathing suits.

Also, they said, many of these women took continued to the beach, but never went near the water, preferring to pose around to the best advantage on the sand. Therefore, the committee prayed that the Commissioners would issue orders to the Rockaway Beach cops to suppress the scandalous scene.

## "Silent" Smith's Sister, Who Arrived Here With His Will



## CORNELL HAS HER DAY OF CELEBRATION HER SMILE WON BIG VERDICT FROM JURY

Centenary of University's  
Founding Observed With  
Full Ceremony.

ITHACA, N. Y., April 26.—The double centennial holiday of the Cornell students began to-day. The armory was crowded with members of the university community, it having been necessary to hold the ceremonies there owing to a downpour of rain which flooded Alumni Field, rendering the great tent erected for the purpose untenable. Half of the armory floor was covered with seats and the rest devoted to standing room.

President J. G. Schurman presided. Among those seated were members of the founders' family, the one hundredth anniversary of whose birthday the university is so elaborately celebrating. The trustees of the university and the professors, instructors and part of the senior class.

Rev. Charles Meier Tyler, retired professor of Christian Ethics, opened the exercises with prayer and then student body sang Alma Mater. County Judge Charles H. Blood of the class of 1888 read an address of Andrew Carnegie on behalf of the trustees.

Andrew H. Corbin, '72, and Sherman Morland, '22, Majority Leader in the State Assembly, spoke for the alumni, and W. W. Taylor, president of the senior class, for the undergraduates. After the singing of the Luther Choral "Ein Feste Burg," by the entire student body, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Charles M. Tyler.

Mrs. Rose M. Wilson, wife of Fred Wilson, of the Gallatin Bank, and who has been three times a bride and twice in the divorce courts, sued Dr. Adolph Stein, dentist, at No. 63 Central Park West, while she was Mrs. Chambers, for \$20,000 damages for alleged assault, false arrest, and malicious prosecution.

Two juries heard both sides of the story and disagreed, but to-day a jury on the third trial before Justice DuBois in the Supreme Court agreed on a verdict awarding six cents damages.

Her story was that Dr. Stein had done a seventy-dollar job on her teeth preparatory to her marriage to Banker Wilson, and while she was inspecting the job in a mirror said:

## GRAND JURY IS PROBING STORY OF POLICE GRAFT

Takes Up Alleged Jugg-  
ling of Blotter of  
Church St. Station.

## WAS SEIZED BY JEROME

Charge Made That Accusation  
of Robbery Was Changed  
to Disorderly Conduct.

The Grand Jury to-day began an investigation of the Church Street Police Station that promises to make a big stir in the Police Department. The investigation is led by District Attorney Jerome, and his assistant, Mr. Garvan. It was brought about by the admission of two prisoners to jail against whom charges of felony had been made.

When the District Attorney seized the station-house blotter he made the further startling discovery that nothing being charged under robbery, but instead more serious than disorderly conduct had been recorded against them. They were called out within a few minutes and when the case was called in the Tombs Police Court, it was learned that the prisoners had jumped their bail and disappeared.

Haerle Was in Charge.  
Lieut. George Haerle, Jr., was at the desk when the two prisoners, Frank Garibaldi and Joseph Gettner, were brought into the Church street station. Patrolman Abraham Minnerly, of the Tombs Squad, and George F. Herold, attached to the Church street station, made the arrest. They supposed that a charge of robbery was being made on the blotter, but found in the police court that it was only disorderly conduct. The prisoners were accused of robbery by Tony Kienlunas, a Russian, who arrived here a few days ago on his way to his native country.

In the Tombs Police Court Kienlunas told Magistrate House that he and another Russian, named Samuel Frank, had been robbed of \$50 by the two men who were admitted to jail by Lieut. Haerle.

Called Before Grand Jury.  
Haerle was called before the Grand Jury, together with Policemen Larkin and Crowley just after the arrest, and Policemen Minnerly and Herold. The latter two are under no charges because they had nothing to do with the fact that the blotter did not show the proper charge against the prisoners.

The Police Department also is making an investigation of the case, and Inspector Russell said to-day that charges would be made against Haerle, Larkin and Crowley.  
District Attorney Jerome and Commissioner Linnahan will review the evidence together after all the witnesses have been examined.

Call Him Confidence Man.  
According to the police records, Garibaldi is an Italian confidence man, who has been arrested a score of times on charges of swindling immigrants. He is said to make the large Office one of his haunts, and there, the police say, he has obtained a fortune of \$100,000 by recording on the heads of ignorant immigrants. Getting too big for his boots, he has been arrested in the same line.

Commissioner Linnahan has detailed four of the best men in the Detective Bureau to run down the two men who were arrested in the Church street station, and they are scouring the city for them to-day.

BRENNER REAPPOINTED  
Jacob Brenner was reappointed Commissioner of Kings County to-day by Judges Fawcett and Pike of the County Court and Surrogate Church. His term is for five years. Commissioner Brenner is a prominent Republican leader in Kings County and has a large circle of friends who were pleased at his reappointment.

COFFEE DELIRIUM  
Child Lies Awake Nights and Talks to Himself.  
To be active during the day and keep in good health requires sound sleep at night.

## ALL GAMBLING HOUSES CLOSED IN TENDERLOIN

Capt. McClusky Says  
Not a Pool-Room Is  
Open in Precinct.

## RAIDS WITHOUT NOISE

New Commander Says Dis-  
trict Is Clean and Will  
Stay Clean.

Capt. George McClusky is cleaning up the Tenderloin. It has been many a day since the Nineteenth Precinct had such an energetic and systematic sweeping.

Since last Saturday, when Capt. McClusky was reduced from the command of an inspection district to the charge of the Tenderloin Precinct, he has closed every gambling-house and pool-room between Fourteenth and Second streets and Fourth and Sixth avenues, driven scores of disreputable characters to cover, and put all the questionable places in the district on a new standard of police supervision.

All this has been done without any brass band methods. Every night since last Monday Capt. McClusky has been making raids and throwing the fear of the police force into people who needed it. Not a line about these raids has been printed in the newspapers, and it was only by accident that an Evening World reporter learned of them to-day.

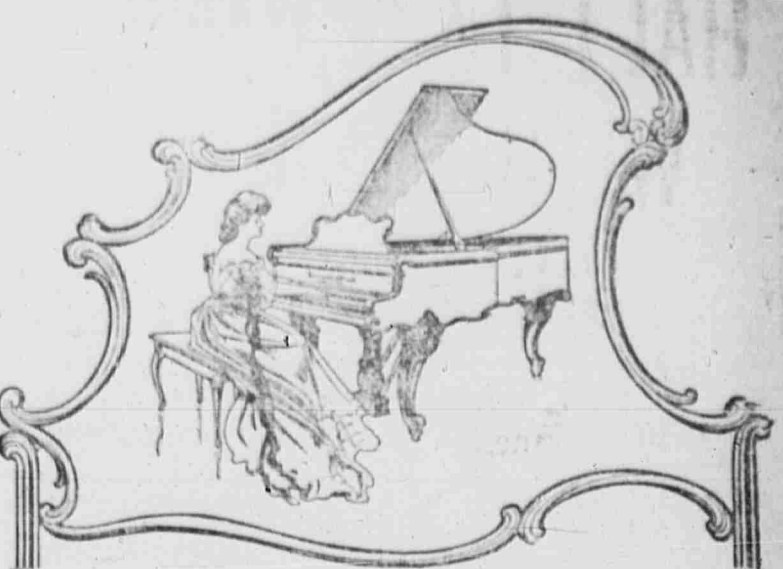
The reporter went to the station house to ask about them. Capt. McClusky was sitting on a chair by the window, and when the reporter's desk paying personal attention to everything going on. It was hard work to get him to talk, but he finally admitted that he had closed the gambling houses.

"It is not true," he said, "that I went around the precinct and interviewed gambling-house keepers, but it is a fact that there is not a gambling-house open in the Nineteenth Precinct. Of course, there will always be sporadic gambling under cover, but the big and little houses have been closed, and they will remain closed as long as I am here."

"Neither is there a pool-room open in the precinct. Some hand-books are doing business in a quiet way, but we keep the pool-rooms closed on the jump. It has been so hard to get information from the track this season that the pool-room business has been more or less dead all over town. Around here it is completely defunct."

"Of course the Tenderloin is the Tenderloin, and will always be the Tenderloin. It is a clean place, but a human man using human methods can make it so. I intend to keep it so."

Big Change, He Says.  
"Have you noticed any change in the district?" he was asked.  
"Although I have never been in command of this precinct before, I am thoroughly familiar with it, and I must say there has been a big change in the last few years. I am really surprised at the extent to which a low and degraded element has infested certain sections. It is an element and an evil that requires constant watching and drastic regulation."



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## Sunday World Wants Work

## Monday Morning Wonders.

"We commenced giving him Postum in place of tea or coffee. He is now a robust boy and is entirely free from those spells of wakefulness." Name given by Postum Co. Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 25.—Mrs. Mary Gomes was choked to death by her husband, Henri Gomes, early to-day. The man, who was seized with a violent fit of insanity, was found by the police with his hands gripped about the wife's throat. He was taken from the Central Police Station, where it was found necessary to iron him severely in order that he could do himself no injury in his frenzy.

Gomes is twenty-seven years old and the woman was twenty-three. The man was found in a state of extreme excitement, and was taken to the Central Police Station, where it was found necessary to iron him severely in order that he could do himself no injury in his frenzy.